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## **A World Without Christmas**

**Introduction:** The majority of people I know have some wonderful memories concerning Christmas. Memories of family and happiness. Some have told me that even when they had very little there were still memories of joy when they thought about Christmas.

What would this world be without Christmas?

### **First: A World Without The Saviour's Influence. I Timothy 1:15**

I truly believe that the majority in this world have never really thought about the clean, pure influence that Jesus Christ has been in the lives of untold millions.

#### **1. The Greatest Of Mankind Were Influenced By Christ.**

- Paul the Apostle established 2/3 of the churches in the New Testament.
- Florence Nightingale and her compassion for the hurting.
- David Livingstone and his love for the people of Africa.

#### **2. The Greatest Of Institutions Were Influenced By Christ.**

- Hospitals, homeless shelters, and orphanages all are a result of the influence of Jesus Christ.

### **Second: A World Without The Songs Of Christmas. Colossians 3:16**

*"... psalms and hymns and spiritual songs ..."*

Think of the beautiful songs of Christmas:

"Noel, Noel, Noel Noel! Born is the King of Israel."

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King."

"O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright ..."

"Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new born King!'"

What a songless life it would be if Jesus had not come into the world.

### **Third: A World Where Sin Would Go Unchecked. John 8:12**

This old world may be a cesspool of sin, but imagine what society would be like if Jesus had not come into the world. Jesus declared, **"I am the light of the world ..."** Just how dark would it be without the Christ of Christmas?

You may laugh and ridicule what I am trying to get across, but has it ever occurred to you that only the free people of the world with their cards, gifts, lights and trees are the ones that celebrate Christmas?

### **Fourth: A World Without The Simple Faith Of A Child. Matthew 18:3**

*"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

- A child is teachable.
- A child has faith.

### **Fifth: A World Without Soulwinners Who Care. Luke 2:11**

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

Notice **Luke 2:17**, *"... they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child."*

I enjoyed the Christmas season when I was a child, but it was not until I was a grown man that I received Christ as my personal Saviour. Now Christmas always reminds me of a faithful child of God that shared the Gospel with me and I got saved. My life has never been the same and Christmas is now about the Christ of Christmas.

You may not, at first, think much of the person who is trying to encourage you to receive Christ as your Saviour. Let me say that once your sins are forgiven you will believe that person is the best friend you ever had.

**Conclusion:** Will you consider that, "Jesus is the reason for the season?" You have spent year after year celebrating Christmas without celebrating the One Who made Christmas possible. Why not put Christ into Christmas this year by receiving Him into your heart?